



Education Resources
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Dear Parent

Staffing Update

As the end of term approaches, I wanted to share an update about forthcoming staff changes at High Mill Primary School.

Retirals

It is with sadness for our school community but happiness and best wishes for them, that I announce the retirement of Mrs Aileen Gray (School Support Team Leader) and Mrs Lorna Vecino (School Support Assistant). Aileen has worked at High Mill Primary for 20 years and Lorna for 26 years. They have shown tremendous dedication, care and support to children, parents and staff during their time here. I am sure many of you have your own memories of them. On a personal note, I thank Aileen and Lorna for their partnership and support to me as Head Teacher. The process of recruiting a new Team Leader is underway and an update on this will be shared in the coming weeks.

Management Structure – Principal Teacher Post

For the second consecutive year, pupil numbers fall under the threshold to have a Principal Teacher. As a result, a decision has been made by South Lanarkshire Council to re-deploy Mrs Heather Naismith. Heather will transfer to another school in August 2021. I am sure you will agree that this is a sad loss for our school community. I would like to thank Heather for her efforts and hard work as part of the leadership team. She has been a great supporter of our children and to me as Head Teacher.

Newly Qualified Teacher

Miss Jennifer Scott will leave High Mill at the end of term as her probationer year draws to an end. Jennifer has been an asset to our team and will be greatly missed by pupils and staff.

Staff Absence

Mrs Jane Welsh is currently absent. P2/1 is being taught by Mrs Jessie MacMillan and Mrs Sinead Lavery. Alternative arrangements will be made for parents' night if required.

At the moment there will be four classes next year. I am awaiting confirmation of our staffing allocation for 2021-22. When we receive this, I will be able to confirm classes and teachers for the new session.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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